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- 1. WE CONCUR IN SUGGESTION CONTAINED REF B THAT PRESENTATION OF PARA 11E AWAIT OWEN-YOUNG MISSION.
- 2. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT WE ARE IN FOR TROUBLE ON THIS ONE BOTHA'S "EXPLANATION" AS RECOUNTED PARA 2 C, REF A IS IN PLACES TOO VAGUE (E.G. "SOME CHANGES IN COMMAND") AND IN OTHERS; DOWNRIGHT INACCURATE (E.G. "THE CORE WOULD REMAIN INTACT").
- 3. WE WILL BE SENDING YOU OUR VIEWS ON THIS SITUATION AS IT ALSO RELATES TO JIM SPAIN'S MOST RECENT COMMENTS ON THE RHODESIAN FORCES QUESTION AND THE DEPARTMENT'S THOUGHTS THEREON. WE WILL INDEED TRY TO SORT THINGS OUT WITH OWEN ENROUTE TO LUSAKA. -- EVEN AT THE RISK OF BEING PUT OFF THE PLANE.

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